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September 12, 2006

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen for Expedited

Approval of a Transfer of Assets and Authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer

Company in Clarendon County Docket No: 2006-50-W/S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has reviewed the petition of Applicants Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen requesting a substitution of counsel and that this matter be held in abeyance, which was filed with the Public Service Commission on September 6, 2006.

DHEC does not object to or oppose the Applicants' request to substitute counsel in this matter. DHEC also does not object to or oppose holding this matter in abeyance for an additional time period of forty-five (45) days to allow the Applicants' new counsel sufficient time to prepare the case, as well as to work the DHEC and the Office of Regulatory Staff in an attempt to resolve any outstanding issues.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie F. McIntyre

DHEC Staff Attorney

cc:

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